# SEPARABLE DETERMINATION OF (GENERALIZED-)LUSHNESS

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ABSTRACT. We prove that every Asplund lush space is generalized-lush using the method of separable reduction. This gives a partial positive answer to a question by Jan-David Hardtke.

### INTRODUCTION

Let us fix first some notations. X denotes a Banach space,  $X^*$  its dual,  $B_X$  its closed unit ball and  $S_X$  its unit sphere. All linear spaces are over the field  $\mathbb{R}$ . For  $x^* \in S_{X^*}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  we put  $S(x^*,\varepsilon) := \{x \in B_X : x^*(x) > 1 - \varepsilon\}$ . If A is a subset of X, we write aco A for the absolutely convex hull of A. Finally, we say that a Banach space X is *lush*, if for every  $x, y \in S_X$  and every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a functional  $x^* \in S_{X^*}$  such that  $x \in S(x^*, \varepsilon)$  and  $dist(y, aco S(x^*, \varepsilon)) < \varepsilon$ .

The concept of lushness, introduced by K. Boyko, V. Kadets, M. Martín and D. Werner in [3], is a Banach space property, which ensures that the space has numerical index 1. It was used in [3] to solve a problem concerning the numerical index of a Banach space. Lushness was further investigated e.g. in [2] as a property of a Banach space. Later, D. Tan, X. Hunag and R. Liu in [7] proved that every lush space has "Mazur-Ulam property"; i.e., every isometry from a unit sphere of a lush space E onto a unit sphere of a Banach space F extends to a linear isometry of E and F. Up to our knowledge, it is still an open problem whether every Banach space has Mazur-Ulam property. In order to prove that lush spaces have Mazur-Ulam property, the authors of [7] introduced the notion of generalized-lushness.

A Banach space X is called *generalized lush* (GL) if for every  $x \in S_X$  and every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $x^* \in S_{X^*}$  such that  $x \in S(x^*, \varepsilon)$  and, for every  $y \in S_X$ ,

$$\operatorname{dist}(y, S(x^*, \varepsilon)) + \operatorname{dist}(y, -S(x^*, \varepsilon)) < 2 + \varepsilon.$$

It is proved in [7] that every separable lush space is (GL) and that every (GL) space has Mazur-Ulam property. Hence, every separable lush space has Mazur-Ulam property. Using certain refinements of this result and a kind of reduction to the separable case, it is deduced in [7] that every lush space has Mazur-Ulam property.

The concept of (GL) Banach spaces was further investigated as a property of a Banach space by J.-D. Hardtke in [6]. At the  $43^{rd}$  Winter School of Abstract Analysis, he presented his results and asked whether every nonseparable lush Banach space is (GL). In this note we give a partial positive answer to this question (recall that a Banach space is called *Asplund* if every separable subspace of it has separable dual).

**Theorem 1.** Let X be an Asplund lush space. Then X is (GL).

We prove Theorem 1 using the method of separable reduction. By a separable reduction we mean the possibility to extend the validity of a statement from separable spaces to the nonseparable setting without knowing the proof of the statement in the separable case. The proof of

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separable reduction theorems depends on a "separable determination": a statement  $\phi$  concerning a nonseparable Banach space X is here considered to be *separably determined* if

The statement  $\phi$  holds in  $X \iff \forall V \in \mathcal{R}$ : The statement  $\phi$  holds in V,

where  $\mathcal{R}$  is a sufficiently large family of separable subspaces of X; typically, for any separable subspace of X there is a bigger subspace from  $\mathcal{R}$ . Although in applications one makes the final deduction using just one separable subspace, it is convenient to know that the family  $\mathcal{R}$  is large in order to join finitely many arguments together. There are several approaches to this. One of them is the concept of *rich families* introduced in [1] by J. Borwein, W. Moors.

**Definition 2.** Let X be a Banach space. By  $\mathcal{S}(X)$  we denote the family of all separable closed subspaces of X. Let us have  $\mathcal{R} \subset S(X)$  and consider the following two conditions.

- (i) Each separable subspace of X is contained in an element of  $\mathcal{R}$ .
- (ii) For every increasing sequence  $V_i$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $\overline{\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{R}$ .

If (i) holds, we say that  $\mathcal{R}$  is *cofinal*. If (ii) holds, we say that  $\mathcal{R}$  is  $\sigma$ -closed. If both (i) and (ii) hold, we say that  $\mathcal{R}$  is *rich*.

The crucial property, which enables us to combine several results together, is the following fact.

**Proposition 3** ([1, Proposition 1.1]). The intersection of two (even of countably many) rich families of a given Banach space is (not only non-empty but again even) rich.

The main step towards the proof of Theorem 1 is contained in the following two results.

**Theorem 4.** Let X be a Banach space. Then there exists a rich family  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{S}(X)$  such that for every  $V \in \mathcal{A}$  we have

$$X \text{ is lush } \iff V \text{ is lush.}$$

**Theorem 5.** Let X be an Asplund space. Then there exists a rich family  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{S}(X)$  such that for every  $V \in \mathcal{A}$  we have

$$V$$
 is  $(GL) \implies X$  is  $(GL)$ .

We obtain Theorem 1 as an immediate corollary to Theorem 4 and Theorem 5.

Proof of Theorem 1. Let X be an Asplund lush space. By Theorem 4, Theorem 5 and Proposition 3 (we intersect rich families from Theorem 4 and Theorem 5 and pick one space from the intersection), there is a closed separable subspace  $V \subset X$  such that

 $X ext{ is lush } \iff V ext{ is lush } ext{ and } V ext{ is (GL) } \implies X ext{ is (GL)}.$ 

Since X is lush, V is separable and lush; hence, by [7, Example 2.5], V is (GL). Thus, X is (GL).  $\Box$ 

In the remainder of this note we prove Theorem 4, Theorem 5 and we discuss the possibility of obtaining the reverse implication in Theorem 5. It is not known to the author whether Theorem 5 holds without the assumption that X is Asplund. Note that if it were so, it would easily follow that every lush space is (GL).

We recall the most relevant notions, definitions, notations and results: We denote by  $\mathbb{Q}_+$  the set  $(0, \infty) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ . Let X be a Banach space. If  $A \subset X$ , the symbols  $\overline{\operatorname{sp}} A$  and  $\operatorname{sp}_{\mathbb{Q}} A$  mean the closed linear span of A and the set consisting of all finite linear combinations of elements in A with rational coefficients, respectively. For  $A \subset X$  and  $B \subset X^*$  we put  $B|_A := \{x^*|_A : x^* \in B\}$ ; hence, if A is a subspace of X, then  $B|_A$  is a subset of the dual space  $A^*$ . Let  $[X]^{\mathbb{N}}$  and  $[X^*]^{\mathbb{N}}$  denote the families of all countable subsets of X and  $X^*$  respectively. By  $\mathcal{S}(X)$  we denote the family of all separable closed subspaces of X. By  $\mathcal{S}_{\Box}(X \times X^*)$  we denote the set  $\{V \times Y : V \in \mathcal{S}(X), Y \in \mathcal{S}(X^*)\}$ . We say that  $\mathcal{R} \subset \mathcal{S}_{\Box}(X \times X^*)$  is rich if every member of  $\mathcal{S}_{\Box}(X \times X^*)$  is

contained in some  $V \times Y \in \mathcal{R}$  and whenever we have an increasing sequence  $(V_i \times Y_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ , then  $\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} V_i \times Y_i = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} V_i \times \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} Y_i \in \mathcal{R}$ .

Finally, we recall the concept introduced in [4] which serves as a link between X and  $X^*$  (and, by [4, Theorem 2.3], exists right if and only if X is Asplund).

**Definition 6.** By an Asplund generator in a Banach space X we understand any correspondence  $G: [X]^{\mathbb{N}} \longrightarrow [X^*]^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that

(a)  $(\overline{\operatorname{sp}} C)^* \subset \overline{G(C)|_{\overline{\operatorname{sp}} C}}$  for every  $C \in [X]^{\mathbb{N}}$ ;

(b) if  $C_1, C_2, \ldots$  is an increasing sequence in  $[X]^{\mathbb{N}}$ , then  $G(C_1 \cup C_2 \cup \cdots) = G(C_1) \cup G(C_2) \cup \cdots$ ;

(c)  $\bigcup \{ G(C) : C \in [X]^{\mathbb{N}} \}$  is a dense subset in  $X^*$ ; and

(d) if  $C_1, C_2 \in [X]^{\mathbb{N}}$  are such that  $\overline{\operatorname{sp}} C_1 = \overline{\operatorname{sp}} C_2$ , then  $\overline{\operatorname{sp}} G(C_1) = \overline{\operatorname{sp}} G(C_2)$ .

### 1. Separable determination of (generalized-)lushness

The fact that "lushness is separably determined property" was in some sense proved in [2, Theorem 4.2]. However, we need to prove this result in the language of rich families in order to further combine it; see Theorem 4. Similarly as in [2], we will use the following result.

**Theorem 7** ([2, Theorem 4.1]). Let X be a real Banach space and  $D \subset X$  a dense subspace. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i) X is lush
- (ii) For every  $x, y \in S_X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there are  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \ge 0$  with  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1$  and  $x_1, x_2 \in B_X$  such that  $||x + x_1 + x_2|| > 3 \varepsilon$  and  $||y (\lambda_1 x_1 \lambda_2 x_2)|| < \varepsilon$ .
- (iii) For every  $x, y \in S_X \cap D$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there are  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \ge 0$  with  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1$  and  $x_1, x_2 \in B_X$ such that  $||x + x_1 + x_2|| > 3 - \varepsilon$  and  $||y - (\lambda_1 x_1 - \lambda_2 x_2)|| < \varepsilon$ .

*Proof.* (i) $\Leftrightarrow$ (ii) is proved in [2, Theorem 4.1]. The equivalence (ii) $\Leftrightarrow$ (iii) is evident.

Proof of Theorem 4. First, we will find a rich family  $\mathcal{R}_1 \subset \mathcal{S}(X)$  such that for every  $V \in \mathcal{R}_1$  we have

$$X \text{ is lush} \implies V \text{ is lush.}$$

If X is not lush, we put  $\mathcal{R}_1 := S(X)$ . Otherwise, define  $\mathcal{R}_1 \subset \mathcal{S}(X)$  as the family consisting of all  $V \in \mathcal{S}(X)$  such that V is lush. We shall show that  $\mathcal{R}_1$  is a rich family. This is obvious if X is not lush; hence, let us assume that X is lush. By [2, Theorem 4.2],  $\mathcal{R}_1$  is cofinal. For checking the  $\sigma$ -completeness of  $\mathcal{R}_1$ , consider any increasing sequence  $(V_i)_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$  of elements in  $\mathcal{R}_1$ . We need to prove that  $V := \overline{\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i}$  is lush. Since  $(V_i)_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$  is increasing, by Theorem 7 (i)  $\Longrightarrow$  (ii), condition (iii) in Theorem 7 is satisfied with  $D = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i$  and X = V. Hence, V is lush.

Now, we will find a rich family  $\mathcal{R}_2 \subset \mathcal{S}(X)$  such that for every  $V \in \mathcal{R}_2$  we have

 $X \text{ is not lush} \implies V \text{ is not lush.}$ 

If X is lush, we put  $\mathcal{R}_2 := S(X)$ . Otherwise, by Theorem 7 (ii)  $\Longrightarrow$  (i), there are  $x, y \in S_X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for every  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \ge 0$  with  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1$  and  $x_1, x_2 \in B_X$  we have  $||x + x_1 + x_2|| \le 3 - \varepsilon$  or  $||y - (\lambda_1 x_1 - \lambda_2 x_2)|| \ge \varepsilon$ . Hence, the family  $\mathcal{R}_2 := \{V \in \mathcal{S}(X) : x, y \in V\}$  is a rich family such that each member of the family is not lush.

Finally, it remains to put  $\mathcal{A} := \mathcal{R}_1 \cap \mathcal{R}_2$ . This is a rich family because, by the construction above, we have  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{R}_1$  or  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{R}_2$  depending on the "lushness" of X. It is obvious that for every  $V \in \mathcal{A}$ , V is lush if and only if X is lush.

Before proving Theorem 5, let us note that in the definition of (GL) spaces we may work only with a dense subset of  $X^*$ . This is the content of the following Lemma. Since the proof is straightforward and easy, we omit it.

**Lemma 8.** Let X be a Banach space and let  $G \subset X^*$  be a dense subset of  $X^*$ . Let us assume that there are  $x \in S_X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for every  $x^* \in G$  with  $x \in S\left(\frac{x^*}{\|x^*\|}, \varepsilon\right)$  there exists  $y \in S_X$  such that

dist 
$$\left(y, S\left(\frac{x^*}{\|x^*\|}, \varepsilon\right)\right) + \operatorname{dist}\left(y, -S\left(\frac{x^*}{\|x^*\|}, \varepsilon\right)\right) \ge 2 + \varepsilon$$

Then X is not (GL).

Proof of Theorem 5. If X is (GL), it suffices to put  $\mathcal{A} := \mathcal{S}(X)$ . Therefore, we may assume that X is not (GL). Let  $G : [X]^{\mathbb{N}} \to [X^*]^{\mathbb{N}}$  be an Asplund generator in X. Since X is not (GL), there are  $x_0 \in S_X$  and  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that

(1) 
$$\forall x^* \in S_{X^*} : x_0 \in S(x^*, \varepsilon_0) \quad \exists y \in S_X : \operatorname{dist}(y, S(x^*, \varepsilon_0)) + \operatorname{dist}(y, -S(x^*, \varepsilon_0)) \ge 2 + \varepsilon_0.$$

By Lemma 8 and the definition of an Asplund generator, it suffices to find a rich family  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{S}(X)$ such that for every  $V \in \mathcal{A}$  we have  $x_0 \in V$  and there exists  $C \subset V$  with  $\overline{\operatorname{sp}} C = V$  satisfying the following property.

(2)  
$$\forall x^* \in G(C) : x_0 \in S\left(\frac{x^*|_V}{\|x^*|_V\|}, \varepsilon_0\right) \quad \exists y \in S_V \\ \operatorname{dist}\left(y, S\left(\frac{x^*|_V}{\|x^*|_V\|}, \varepsilon_0\right)\right) + \operatorname{dist}\left(y, -S\left(\frac{x^*|_V}{\|x^*|_V\|}, \varepsilon_0\right)\right) \ge 2 + \varepsilon_0.$$

Define  $\mathcal{R}' \subset \mathcal{S}_{\Box}(X \times X^*)$  as the family consisting of all rectangles  $\overline{\operatorname{sp}} C \times \overline{\operatorname{sp}} G(C)$ , with  $C \in [X]^{\mathbb{N}}$ , such that the assignment

$$\overline{\operatorname{sp}} G(C) \ni x^* \longmapsto x^*|_{\overline{\operatorname{sp}} C} \in (\overline{\operatorname{sp}} C)^*$$

is a surjective isometry. It is proved in [4, proof of Theorem 2.3 (ii)  $\implies$  (iii)] that  $\mathcal{R}'$  is a rich family and whenever we have  $V_1 \times Y_1$ ,  $V_2 \times Y_2$  in  $\mathcal{R}'$  such that  $V_1 \subset V_2$ , then  $Y_1 \subset Y_2$ . Consequently, the family  $\mathcal{R}_1 := \{V : \exists Y : V \times Y \in \mathcal{R}'\} \subset \mathcal{S}(X)$  is rich.

For every  $x^* \in X^*$ , we pick, if it exists, a point  $I(x^*) \in S_X$  such that

(3) 
$$\operatorname{dist}\left(I(x^*), S\left(\frac{x^*}{\|x^*\|}, \varepsilon_0\right)\right) + \operatorname{dist}\left(I(x^*), -S\left(\frac{x^*}{\|x^*\|}, \varepsilon_0\right)\right) \ge 2 + \varepsilon_0.$$

Define  $\mathcal{R}_2 \subset \mathcal{S}(X)$  as the family consisting of all  $V \in \mathcal{S}(X)$  with  $x_0 \in V$  such that there is a countable set  $C \subset V$  with  $\overline{\operatorname{sp}} C = V$  and

(4) 
$$\forall x^* \in G(C) : (I(x^*) \text{ is defined } \Longrightarrow I(x^*) \in V).$$

We shall show that  $\mathcal{R}_2$  is a rich family.

As regards the cofinality of  $\mathcal{R}_2$ , fix any countable set  $S \subset X$ . Put  $C_0 := S \cup \{x_0\}$ . Assume that for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  we already found countable sets  $C_0 \subset C_1 \subset \ldots \subset C_{m-1} \subset X$ . Then we find  $C_m \supset C_{m-1}$  such that, for every  $x^* \in G(C_{m-1})$ , we have  $I(x^*) \in C_m$  whenever it is defined. Do so for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and put finally  $C := \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} C_i$ . It remains to see that  $V := \overline{\operatorname{sp}} C \in \mathcal{R}_2$ , which follows immediately from the construction because we have  $G(C) = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} G(C_i)$ .

For checking the  $\sigma$ -completeness of  $\mathcal{R}_2$ , consider any increasing sequence  $(V_i)_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$  of elements in  $\mathcal{R}_2$ . Let, for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , be  $C_i \subset V_i$  a set with  $\overline{\operatorname{sp}} C_i = V_i$  satisfying (4) for  $C_i$  and  $V_i$ . We may assume that  $C_1 \subset C_2 \subset \ldots$  (if not, we replace it by  $C_1, C_1 \cup C_2, C_1 \cup C_2 \cup C_3, \ldots$ ). Then  $V = \overline{V_1 \cup V_2 \cup \ldots}$  contains  $x_0$  and we put  $C := C_1 \cup C_2 \ldots$ . Then  $\overline{\operatorname{sp}} C = V$ . Moreover, since  $C_1, C_2, \ldots$  is an increasing sequence, (4) is satisfied.

Finally, we put  $\mathcal{A} := \mathcal{R}_1 \cap \mathcal{R}_2$ . It remains to prove that our  $\mathcal{A}$  "works"; i.e., no member of  $\mathcal{A}$  is (GL). So, pick any  $V \in \mathcal{A}$ . We need to show that (2) holds. Fix a set C with  $\overline{\operatorname{sp}} C = V$  from the definition of the family  $\mathcal{R}_2$ . Fix  $x^* \in G(C)$  with  $x_0 \in S\left(\frac{x^*|_V}{\|x^*|_V\|}, \varepsilon_0\right)$ . By the definiton of  $\mathcal{R}_1$ , there is a countable set  $C' \subset V$  such that  $\overline{\operatorname{sp}} C' = V$  and, for every  $y^* \in \overline{\operatorname{sp}} G(C')$ , we have  $\|y^*\| = \|y^*|_V\|$ . By the definition of an Asplund generator,  $\overline{\operatorname{sp}} G(C) = \overline{\operatorname{sp}} G(C')$ ; thus, we have

 $||x^*|| = ||x^*|_V||$ . Hence, we have  $x_0 \in S(x^*, \varepsilon_0)$  and, by (1),  $I(x^*)$  is defined; hence, by (4), we have  $y := I(x^*) \in S_V$ . Consequently,

$$\operatorname{dist}\left(y, S\left(\frac{x^*|_V}{\|x^*|_V\|}, \varepsilon_0\right)\right) + \operatorname{dist}\left(y, -S\left(\frac{x^*|_V}{\|x^*|_V\|}, \varepsilon_0\right)\right)$$
$$= \operatorname{dist}\left(y, S\left(\frac{x^*}{\|x^*\|}, \varepsilon_0\right) \cap B_V\right) + \operatorname{dist}\left(y, -S\left(\frac{x^*}{\|x^*\|}, \varepsilon_0\right) \cap B_V\right)$$
$$\geq \operatorname{dist}\left(y, S\left(\frac{x^*}{\|x^*\|}, \varepsilon_0\right)\right) + \operatorname{dist}\left(y, -S\left(\frac{x^*}{\|x^*\|}, \varepsilon_0\right)\right) \stackrel{(3)}{\geq} 2 + \varepsilon_0.$$
Is and V is not (GL).

Thus, (2) holds and V is not (GL).

Finally, we will show that the reverse implication holds in some sense in an arbitrary Banach space; see Proposition 10. Before proving it, let us notice that in the definition of (GL) spaces we may work only with a dense subset of X. This is the content of the following Lemma. Since the proof is straightforward and easy, we omit it.

**Lemma 9.** Let X be a Banach space and let  $D \subset X$  be a dense subsets of X. Let us assume that for every  $x \in D$  and every  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}_+$  there is  $x^* \in S_{X^*}$  such that  $\frac{x}{\|x\|} \in S(x^*, \varepsilon)$  and, for every  $y \in D$ ,

dist 
$$\left(\frac{y}{\|y\|}, S(x^*, \varepsilon)\right) + \text{dist}\left(\frac{y}{\|y\|}, -S(x^*, \varepsilon)\right) < 2 + \varepsilon.$$

Then X is (GL).

**Proposition 10.** Let X be a Banach space. Then there exists a cofinal family  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{S}(X)$  such that for every  $V \in \mathcal{A}$  we have

$$X \text{ is } (GL) \implies V \text{ is } (GL).$$

*Proof.* If X is not (GL), we may put  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{S}(X)$ . Let us assume that X is (GL). Define  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{S}(X)$  as the family consisting of all  $V \in \mathcal{S}(X)$  such that V is (GL). We shall show that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a cofinal family.

For every  $x \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we pick a point  $I_1(x,\varepsilon) \in S_{X^*}$  such that  $\frac{x}{\|x\|} \in S(I_1(x,\varepsilon),\varepsilon)$  and, for every  $y \in X$ ,

dist 
$$\left(\frac{y}{\|y\|}, S(I_1(x,\varepsilon),\varepsilon)\right) + \operatorname{dist}\left(\frac{y}{\|y\|}, -S(I_1(x,\varepsilon),\varepsilon)\right) < 2 + \varepsilon.$$

Now, for every  $x, y \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we pick two points  $I_2(x, y, \varepsilon), I_3(x, y, \varepsilon) \in S(I_1(x, \varepsilon), \varepsilon)$  with

$$\left\|\frac{y}{\|y\|} - I_2(x, y, \varepsilon)\right\| + \left\|\frac{y}{\|y\|} + I_3(x, y, \varepsilon)\right\| < 2 + \varepsilon$$

Note that, since X is (GL), for every  $x, y \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  the points  $I_2(x, y, \varepsilon)$  and  $I_3(x, y, \varepsilon)$  exist.

In order to show that  $\mathcal{A}$  is cofinal, fix any countable set  $S \subset X$ . Put  $C_0 := S$ . Assume that for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  we already found countable sets  $C_0 \subset C_1 \subset \ldots \subset C_{m-1} \subset X$ . Then we find  $C_m \supset C_{m-1}$  such that, for every  $x, y \in \operatorname{sp}_{\mathbb{Q}} C_{m-1}$  and  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}_+$ , we have  $\{I_2(x, y, \varepsilon), I_3(x, y, \varepsilon)\} \subset C_m$ . Do so for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and put finally  $C := \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} C_i$ . It remains to see that  $V := \overline{\operatorname{sp}} C$  is (GL). It follows from the construction of C that we have

(5) 
$$\forall x, y \in \operatorname{sp}_{\mathbb{Q}} C \ \forall \varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}_+ : \{I_2(x, y, \varepsilon), I_3(x, y, \varepsilon)\} \subset V.$$

We will verify the assumption of Lemma 9 with  $D = \operatorname{sp}_{\mathbb{Q}} C$  for the space V. Fix  $x \in \operatorname{sp}_{\mathbb{Q}} C$  and  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Q}_+$  and consider  $x^* := \frac{I_1(x,\varepsilon)|_V}{\|I_1(x,\varepsilon)|_V\|}$ . Then  $\frac{x}{\|x\|} \in S(I_1(x,\varepsilon),\varepsilon) \cap V \subset S(x^*,\varepsilon)$ . Fix any  $y \in \operatorname{sp}_{\mathbb{Q}} C$ . Then we have  $\{I_2(x,y,\varepsilon), I_3(x,y,\varepsilon)\} \subset S(I_1(x,\varepsilon),\varepsilon) \cap V \subset S(x^*,\varepsilon)$  and

$$\left\|\frac{y}{\|y\|} - I_2(x, y, \varepsilon)\right\| + \left\|\frac{y}{\|y\|} + I_3(x, y, \varepsilon)\right\| < 2 + \varepsilon.$$

Hence,

$$\operatorname{dist}\left(\frac{y}{\|y\|}, S(x^*, \varepsilon)\right) + \operatorname{dist}\left(\frac{y}{\|y\|}, -S(x^*, \varepsilon)\right) < 2 + \varepsilon,$$

which shows that the assumption of Lemma 9 is satisfied for the space V and so V is (GL).  $\Box$ 

**Remark 11.** It is known to the author that it is possible to prove Proposition 10 using the method of suitable models (more precisely, the family  $\mathcal{R}$  is not only cofinal, but it consists of all the spaces of the form  $\overline{X \cap M}$  where M is a suitable countable model); see [4, Section 4] and references therein for a description of the method. Since, by [5, Theorem 2.7] and [4, Theorem 5.5], this method is equivalent to the method of rich families in many classes of Banach spaces (e.g. in Asplund spaces), it is possible to obtain a rich family instead of a cofinal one in Proposition 10 for many classes of Banach spaces. In particular, in Theorem 5 we have an equivalence. However, the proof involving suitable models would require quite a deep understanding of the method and we do not know any application of such a result; hence, we decided to present here only a weaker statement, Proposition 10, which has the advantage that the proof does not require any knowledge of set theory or logic.

We do not know whether we can get a rich family instead of a cofinal one in Proposition 10 for an arbitrary Banach space.

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